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OF THE BRITISH BING CLUB.

MONTHLY NEWS LETTER.
of THE BRITISH BING CLUB.

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Hello again!-

We have quite an important matter to put to you this month. Many of you have written requesting a more frequent appearance of the club magazine, "Crosbyana". We have it under consideration to bring out the journal every two months instead of every three months which is our practice at the moment. To do this, we must raise the dues, but, when we announce that the increase will only be mild (8/6) we are certain you will realise that you are gaining value for your extra 2/6. The increase will only apply to people joining now or renewing membership, meaning that most of you won't feel the shock(?) until next May or June. Do let us know your views on this subject and if you are all agreeable, we shall put this idea into operation as soon as possible. Send your letter to any organiser.

By now, you should all have received your autographed photo of Bing, if you haven't, don't worry, for we are looking into this matter so, rest assured everyone will get their photo.

We are, indeed, pleased to hear from most of you how much you like the discography. Our Vice-president put a great deal of work into it and these complimentary letters are certainly encouraging. Don't forget to keep those letters coming. Criticisms and suggestions are always welcome. We want you to let us know if you require the Paul Whiteman booklet - it costs 1/3.

Now back on his native soil, Bing is spending his customary six weeks on his Elko ranch, WITH THE REST OF THE CROSBY FAMILY!!!

Next month "Crosbyana" will re-appear, with a stiff cover this time, and we have a special place reserved for an article by the man who hates Crosby, yes, notorious Royston Dursley has written, at our request, a feature which is aggressive and down to earth.

We have now recovered from our initial membership drive and we're now ready for another one. How about helping us? You must have fellow Crosby-fan pals and you shouldn't have to twist their arm too much!

All 'till next time,
THE BRITISH BING CLUB,
(London)

NOTICE

BOARD.

Art requires the loan of photographed scenes from Bing's earlier pictures. Should you have such photos, Art only requires the loan of them for a short time. They will be returned intact.

Mr. Ralph Harding, of Eros, 27, Springvale Avenue, Brentford, Middlesex, has some very rare Bing discs for exchange, and a few easier-to-get records for sale. Full details cannot be printed till December in "Crosbyana", so, if any collector desires first choice he is advised to write to Ralph now.

Mr. Les Phythian has sent us the following information! RHYTHM HOUSE Ltd., 40, RAMPART ROW, FORT, BOMBAY, INDIA offer Two Bings on Indian Columbia. DB30158 By Light Of Silvery Conchita Lopez/Moen. DB30175 But Not For Me.

Hello Mom.

Each disc is 5/- in sterling. Postage on, say, 6 discs would be 14/-. P.D's should be uncrossed. You will find the firm extremely courteous and helpful. The two leader titles on these discs cannot be obtained anywhere else in the world.

MONTHLY

NEWS

LETTER.



BING (CONCENTRATING ON BASEBALL) CROSBY

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Bing Club (London &
Nottingham)

Greetings! -

We trust you have all enjoyed the latest issue of "Crosbyana", and found plenty to interest you within it's pages.

September 29th marked the twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bing, and, despite all the efforts of gossip writers they are still 'Mr. and Mrs. '!! We knew you'd wish us to convey your congratulations and good wishes so we sent, on your behalf, an anniversary card to reach them on that date.

It looks as though Bing's Western film, "Partners", which he is to make with William Boyd, is really assured of success. Latest news from Hollywood informs us that none other than Leo McCarey is to direct. Now, if Van Heusen and Burke will just don their spurs.....!

The Crosbys are back in Hollywood now, and the four boys have been packed off to school.

Poppa Crosby has gone back to work; he starts, "You Belong To Me" this month and has already commenced recording his radio shows which will be on the American airwaves from October 4th. Bing's first guest stars will be Judy Garland and Robert Hope. The AFN usually give Bing's transcriptions a break about this time of the year, right until after Christmas. There is the annual Bing Crosby Christmas show of course, but that's all. This network is now one hour in front of us, so what Crosby recorded shows they intend airing will be at 8.30 on Thursdays.

Here's an item to interest all London members. Very soon we are holding "Bing Record Sessions". These will be held at least once a month at the houses of various members. Any member, living in or near London, who is interested should contact the co-president by letter to 41, Basing Hill, Wembley, Middlesex. If the interested parties do this they will be notified as to the dates of the meetings.

We appreciate all your kind words afforded our club journal. If you have sent in any suggestions or criticisms you can be sure they are noted. The booklet, "Rhythm Days of Bing Crosby", will be issued as a supplement to the next journal. Also in Christmas Crosbyana we hope print a few words straight from the Great Man himself.

The Decca Record company have told us that they are now issuing as many Bing records as possible; so it seems we have done our job thoroughly thanks, mainly, to vice president Les Gaylor. We have still to contend with Columbia and we trust that the very small number of you having not sent Les the post-cards yet, will do so as soon as they can.

With the very best wishes

The British Bing Club.
(London).

WE have had many enquiries since the death of Bing's father was reported. No doubt some members thought the news item was just one of those rumours. Unfortunately, the obituary notice truly authorised and Bing's father is no longer. He was eighty years old. Bing's mother is indeed fortunate in having a big family to help her bear this great loss.

ON your behalf, we offer our deepest sympathy to the elder Mrs. Crosby and to Bing.

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His father's death has, of course, altered Bing's filming plans and his schedule will be put back, roughly, one month.

WHEN "You Belong To Me" is completed the Groaner goes into that long awaited Hopalong Western which is now to be called, "ThataWay". We hear that Bill Boyd is a cowboy who yearns to sing, and Mr. C plays a singer who inherits a ranch. Apparently Boyd has returned the script for alterations. Seems he didn't approve of some of the cracks which ridiculed his well known Hopalong Cassidy outfit.

YOU have probably heard the news item reporting that Bob Hope is contemplating a saga

of the West with Roy Rogers. Bing made a good crack about this recently, saying that Bill Boyd and he would have their film made, released and re-issued before Hope learned to ride a horse. WE would go even further and lay money down that we shall see the Crosby-Boyd epic on Television before Bob can even get on the back of one of Bing's own mavericks!!

NOW is the time for a little club business, we think, and we are pleased to report that our membership is increasing. A bouquet to Les Gaylor who has recruited more members than anyone else. Our enthusiastic Vice President hopes you will excuse his delay in replying to your letters. If you write to Les you can be sure of a reply in the near future, but with our club getting bigger and bigger we are all busier and busier so, if you are kept waiting you can rest assured we are engaged on work to do with you and everyone else in our club.

EVERY penny we have received from you in subscriptions has gone into the club. We are financially stable but it is our policy to give

each member his money's worth and in many case we have done much more than that.

AS we announced in the last journal we are in urgent need of a new duplicator or mimeograph.

THREE members have suggested a way of purchasing this important item. We have discussed it and have decided to open a fund as per suggestion.

THE club officers have all matched my donation of one pound so we have a good start.

THE idea is to pledge any amount you wish to subscribe to Jean Rainey (41, Basing Hill, Wembley, Middlesex.) That is to say, just drop a line to Jean informing her that you will give us a certain amount when we ask for it later on. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY NOW. No amount is too small and we wish to impress upon all that you are not obliged to donate. Each donor will get a share or receipt and, at the end of each year a small dividend will be remitted if the club is able to under take any work for which it receives payment. Please do not offer us anything you cannot safely afford.

COMPETITION RESULTS:-
1st Prize (Mentmore PEN)
to Miss Margaret Robinson;
2nd Prize (1yr. Membership)
CEN Frank Joyce.
(Full addresses will be
given in the December
issue of "Crosbyana")



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ary News Letter to appear at
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